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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, APER, UNESCO

SUBJECT: UNESCO - SENIOR POSTS

REF: PARIS 03679

1. DEPT (IO) HAS DISCUSSED THE PROS AND CONS RELATIVE TO THE CHOICE IN FILLING THE SUBJECT POSTS AND HAS DECIDED THAT THE ADG FOR ADMINISTRATION HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR GIVING THE USG MORE GENUINE INFLUENCE OVER POLICY FORMULATION AND EXECUTION IN THE PROGRAM OF UNESCO THAN THE OTHER TWO.

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2. THE ABOVE CHOICE WAS DECIDED AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POSITIONS AND THE CONCLUSION WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE ADG FOR ADMINISTRATION COULD EVENTUALLY LEND TO THE JURISDICTION OVER THE WHOLE ADMINISTRATION AREA OF UNESCO AND, ACCORDING TO M'BOW, THE INCUMBENT IN THIS JOB COULD EVENTUALLY BECOME THE NEXT DDG WHEN HE DECIDES TO FILL THIS POSITION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS PERM DEL HAS ALTERNATIVE THOUGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, PLEASE INFORM M'BOW OF OUR CHOICE. IN SO DOING, STRESS THAT OUR DECISION WAS STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE PERSON APPOINTED TO THIS

POST PROVED HIMSELF AND WON M'BOW'S CONFIDENCE, HE WOULD EVENTUALLY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT AS WELL, WITH THE FURTHER PROSPECT OF EVENTUALLY MOVING TO THE DDG POST. ALSO, ADVISE M'BOW THAT WE HAVE COMMENCED TO PROSPECT FOR CANDIDATES TO PRESENT TO HIM. PLEASE ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S TIMETABLE FOR HIS DECISION ON THE ADG FOR ADMINISTRATION POST SO THAT WE MAY KNOW BY WHAT DATE THE NAMES OF THE U.S. CANDIDATES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO HIM. VANCE

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